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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tam D. Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 –13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keller James (PN 0247711).

2. In regard to claims 1, 2 Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data comprising: three points those are point 84 in the center (midpoint) of the line, and points 86, 88 in the center of the segments defined by segment sections SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4. See Fig.8 col.7 lines 25-35.

3. In regard to claims 3, 4, Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data wherein line has been divided into 2^m segment, and the center of the line is $dx/2$, $dy/2$ from the end point. See col.6 line 33 – col.8 line 42.

4. In regard to claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data, comprising: memory and buffer (first and second data storage means), addition and subtraction elements

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(adding means) for adding data from the memory, dividing the line to drawn into equal length segments. See col.3 line 23 - col.3 line 58.

5. In regard to claim 6, Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data wherein numbers are divided-by-two. In digital processing shifting the number to the right one bit is divide-by-two.

6. In regard to claims 7, 12, Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data wherein the processor repeatedly (iteration control mean) determines successive points in the line segment section, and calculation mean for calculating absolute values of difference between X coordinate and difference between Y coordinates. See col.11 lines 25-45.

7. In regard to claim 10, Keller teaches a method and apparatus for providing a faster graphical representation of lines to be displayed from their endpoint data, comprising: calculating means calculating the slope of the line, memory and buffer (first storage mean, second storage mean). See col.3 line 23 – col.4 line 56.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tam D. Tran** whose telephone number is **703-305-4196**. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30 – 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Matthew Bella** can be reached on **703-308-6829**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose
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